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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Rhonda Murphy	2616	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Rhonda Murphy. (3) _____.
- (2) David Rouille. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 07 August 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 11, 13 and 22.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ito et. al (US 6,414,942).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant discussed the functionality of the network processor, which was described as performing packet switching and routing functions that are different than general purpose processors. Applicant argued that the Ito reference failed to teach a network processor as claimed. An agreement was not made at this time and the applicant was advised to submit a formal response and the arguments will be further considered.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required